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County wants to market itself

After a complex bidding process, two tenders denied a chance to do job

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

The county has decided to create its own economic development and marketing department rather than tender the job to outside organizations.

It will hire two staff people to assume the new responsibilities, breaking its formal ties to the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce in the process.

In announcing the new direction at Wednesday's county council meeting, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey apologized to both the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce and marketing consultant David Page. The Chamber, in affiliation with Tourism Haliburton and Page had just gone through a complex bidding process for the county's marketing contract only to have the county withdraw its request at the last minute. The contract was worth up to $200,000 a year

"It's a process we apologize for because we weren't thinking as far ahead as we should have been [when the request for proposal was put out]," Fearrey said.

As county council debated the merits of each proposal, he said, "it came to light" that what the county really needed was to establish its own strategy for the future.

"We're behind every other county for economic development," he said. "It was felt it was time to move forward and bring the job in-house... This is not a new idea. It's working everywhere else."

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O Christmas Tree

Taylor Morrison, 6, and her brother Brody, 3, sing Christmas carols along with Ray and Chris Johnson at the annual Stanhope Christmas Party. For more photos, see inside.

Need help? Call 911

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

The long anticipated launch of 911 service in Haliburton County took place with much fanfare at the county office in Minden last Friday. Representatives from police, ambulance and fire services joined county and municipal representatives and staff, the 911 Committee, Bell Canada and Northern Communications, the company providing the dispatch services, in celebrating the momentous occasion.

"Welcome to the new era of public emergency reporting in the County of Haliburton," said county CAO Jim Wilson. "911 is a simple and easy to remember telephone number that makes it possible to reach police, fire and ambulance services quickly and easily."

911 can be dialled from any landline, cellular, internet or pay phone in the county.

County Warden Bill Davis welcomed everyone and said, "This is a historic time. This project took some time to put together. I can't stand here and tell you there were weren't pitfalls along the way. But we are here today and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the

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Worried people try to save deer from ice

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Deer on the ice of Little Boshkung Lake west of Carnarvon Wednesday caused plenty of concern. The Ministry of Natural Resources received numerous calls and *The Times* took several calls from concerned citizens as well. Emotions were running high with some of the callers.

According to eyewitness reports, four deer wandered out onto the ice 100 yards or more from the boat launch west of the bridge on Highway 118 Wednesday morning. Tracks on the ice revealed that six deer had gone onto the ice, but two left the group and returned to shore. Later, one more went to shore, leaving three on the ice. The three deer, two does and a fawn were lying on the ice when MNR personnel attended the scene in the morning. The assessment was that the deer were not in any immediate danger. With other commitments, the MNR personnel left the scene, hoping the deer would move ashore on their own.

Unfortunately, some time in the early afternoon, the ice gave way and the deer went into the frigid water.

More frantic calls were fielded by the MNR. In the meantime, onlookers took action and, in an attempt to rescue the three deer, two boats were brought to the scene and several people broke a path through the ice to the deer to attempt rescue.

Roger Hutchinson was one of three men in one of the boats. He

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Fawn died in the water

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said that the fawn died in the water but, after a couple of hours, the two does were finally herded to shore. One of the does went back into the water. MNR personnel asked onlookers to clear the shore and took a boat back out to see if the deer could be brought back.

By about 4 p.m., both of the does had been brought to shore. According to MNR Minden District Area Supervisor Bill Hutson, the MNR people at the scene believed that the two does were "in reasonable shape" and there was a possibility that they might survive their ordeal. Some food was left for the deer in hopes they would regain their strength and move on.

When MNR biologist Peter Carter attended the site Thursday morning the deer were gone. But Hutson said Carter was not convinced they left on their own. No deer tracks could be found leaving the spot where the deer had been left.

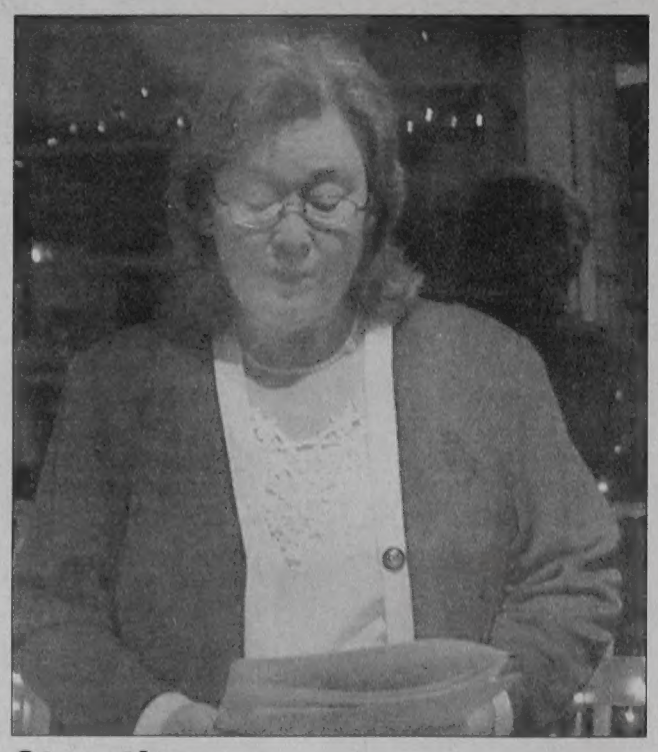
If the deer actually died and were taken away, whoever took them would have 48 hours to report that they had picked the deer up. MNR enforcement staff will investigate the situation. Hutson said the ministry received a couple of calls from individuals who said they would like to have the deer if they didn't survive. As is the case with road-killed deer, it is permissible for someone to take the deer for personal consumption or to feed dogs. But it must be reported within 48 hours.

Hutchinson, a retired MNR employee of 30 years, mostly in aviation and fire management, says the ministry should have a plan in place to deal with such situations. "The fawn might have been saved if something had been done earlier," he said. He suggested that the ministry might have contacted the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association and asked if someone would be available to monitor the situation. "There could have been better communication," Hutchinson said, admitting that he knows the ministry is short-staffed and unable to divert personnel from other responsibilities.

Hutson defends his personnel's response. He also noted that when deer venture onto the ice they often become incapacitated when they slip and their legs are "splayed." In that case the chances of survival are diminished.

Deer going through the ice of Haliburton County lakes and ponds is not a rare occurrence.

Human nature, in the case of it happening in such a high visibility area, demands that as much as possible be done to save the animals.



Storytime

Pauline Johnson reads a story just before a turkey dinner at Heather Lodge. It was the first in a series of evening readings at the Algonquin Highlands Writing Circle's first annual Christmas dinner.

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Haliburton County's inaugural meeting with Warden Jim McMahon at the helm was held Tuesday night at the county office in Minden.

County welcomes Jim McMahon to the warden's chair

by **MARTHA PERKINS**
Times staff

A two-day retreat would help county councillors better define how to tackle the challenges – and the opportunities – that lie ahead for Haliburton County, says the 2005 warden.

"Are there ways to better market Haliburton County? I believe there are," Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Jim McMahon said at his inaugural meeting as county warden on Tuesday night. "Let us examine the manner in which we do business, build upon our strengths and minimize our weaknesses.

Jim McMahon

"We need to expand our scope and make this county more attractive to those businesses and individuals looking to relocate, while protecting the natural beauty of our home and not losing sight of tourism."

McMahon was nominated for the county's top political position by outgoing Warden Bill Davis. "Jim has served the citizens of Minden Hills, Lutterworth and Haliburton County for 21 years and he's very worthy of the nomination," Davis said.

Davis outlined McMahon's political career: first elected to Lutterworth council in 1985, he became its deputy-reeve in 1994, the year he also was chosen as warden for the first time. In 1994 he moved into the reeve's seat and in 2000, when Lutterworth amalgamated with Snowdon and Anson, Hindon and Minden to become Minden Hills, he was the new municipality's first deputy-reeve, a position he's held ever since.

"Jim's a man of few words but he thinks things through," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, who seconded the nomination. (The warden is elected by the eight members of county council for a one-year term.)

A lot has changed since his first term as the county's warden, McMahon said. In 1994 county council was comprised of 10 members and consensus was often difficult to achieve. The budget was almost half of what it is today at $12 million. Since amalgamation, county council has worked well together on several important initiatives, including the new 911 system, a new official plan, an emergency management plan and infrastructure improvements.

"Much has been accomplished but we have only begun to scratch the surface of the bright future that lies before us," McMahon told the dozens of wellwishers and community partners in attendance during the short meeting.

"My vision is to lead with a pro-active, positive agenda," he said. "An opportunity to plan for the next decade is upon us, and as the leaders of our community, it is our responsibility to make those decisions which will benefit all our constituents.

"I am a modest man with a vision, who wishes to serve his community and build a better life for our families.

"Let us journey together as we build a better tomorrow."

Politicians apologize to bidders for backing away

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"We keep developing the county's strategic plan without the sparkplug, which is economic development," Minden Hills Ross Rigney said. "We need an experienced person for each department. Why we're being beaten is that other municipalities have dedicated staff to do it. I think this is the right move."

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner also extended his apologies for making the two bidders go through such a protracted process, only to have the county abandon it.

"We needed to go through the process to realize that maybe we're not going in the right direction."

He called both proposals "fantastic."

Page, however, is being given $50,000 for a newspaper advertising campaign that was part of his proposal.

Fearrey said the move allows the Chamber to focus more on the needs of its members, rather than the marketing needs of the county. "The Chamber can become a true Chamber of Commerce, trying to keep tax rates down, fighting the water bill. We want to release them and let them concentrate on their members."

The Chamber's current fee-for-service marketing contract with the county expires at the end of March. The county had offered $100,000 to continue the Chamber's marketing efforts on behalf of the county until the end of 2005 but the Chamber's board turned it down.

In a letter dated December 1, outgoing Chamber president Bob Hall said, "We are hopeful the county is on the right path to encouraging more tourists to visit our wonderful area. To assist the county in implementing this important initiative, we are willing to lease space in the Chamber building for purposes of a county-managed tourist information centre. The lease, to be negotiated at market rates, would be for a minimum two-year period with an option for the Chamber to extend the lease for an additional three years. The lease would include the tourist marketing infrastructure in the building, including telephone system with voice messaging, toll free telephone number, desks, brochure racking, kitchen facilities and public washrooms. All staffing of the tourist information centre would be handled by the county."

Eric Christianson, the incoming Chamber president, pledged his support to the county as the two organizations work through the transition process.

"It's better that they start clean rather than this mixed bag [of trying to take the best part of each bid]," he said. "The Chamber does not want to see tourism initiatives disintegrate so we laud the county's decision to move forward with hiring two people."

He urged the county to move quickly, making the hiring of the marketing co-ordinator the top priority. "We know how hard tourism marketing is. We hope you are quick in finding the right person to pick up the gauntlet."

The county plans to have the job descriptions ready by the January meeting.

Christianson said the Chamber is viable as its own entity and it will now be able to focus its energies on helping its broad base membership. Issues it intends to tackle include the new water regulations, changes in WSIB payments and insurance.

New county warden Jim McMahon said that in the 10 years since he was last warden, the county has changed dramatically. "I see this as an opportunity," he said, telling Christianson that he was glad the Chamber will be working with the county on the transition, not against it.

Haliburton County has a big job ahead as it tries to increase the public's awareness of everything there is to do and see here.

"Everybody is after the same person and other areas are far ahead of us. If we don't change the way we do business we'll get lost in the shuffle."

County launches 911 after four years of hard work

The launch of 911 service in Haliburton County took place last Friday afternoon. Emergency Services representatives, county officials and the 911 dispatch service gathered for a photo in front of the county office prior to the official launch. They are, left to right: Highlands East Fire Chief Don Middleton, Dysart et al Fire Chief and County Fire Services Co-ordinator Miles Maughan, Minden Hills Fire Chief Doug Schell, Stanhope Fire Department Fire Chief John Hogg, County Warden Bill Davis, Northern Communications Manager Mike Shantz, Emergency Medical Services Manager Bob English, OPP Staff Sergeant Bob Walli and acting Staff Sergeant of the Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment Tim Pierce.

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people who were involved, from the clerks and the people across the road [at the 911 office], the people out in the field to the organizations beyond the scope of the County of Haliburton who had input."

Theresa Mansfield, manager of 911 for Bell Canada for this region, said the achievement represents a very important milestone in public safety for every person in the province of Ontario.

"It is my pleasure to announce that Bell Canada's 911 public emergency reporting service is now fully operational in the County of Haliburton," she said. She noted that the caller's number and address appears on the dispatcher's screen, saying, "This is especially critical if the caller is a young child or anyone else who is unable to give an accurate address.

"All the essential ingredients that make 911 possible happened through a very positive relationship between the county's desire to have 911 in place for all of its citizens."

Mike Shantz of Northern Communications said it was great to see so many people turn out for the launch, especially since a winter storm was brewing. He said, "There may be some 911 calls in the next little while."

Northern Communications has handled thousands of calls. Even in circumstances where callers are under duress and unable to provide an accurate description of where emergency personnel are required, the civic addressing information that is available to the dispatcher helps direct the appropriate emergency services to the site. "It really is a life-saving number," he said.

Local MPP Laurie Scott told the audience that the implementation of 911 services will result in safer communities within Haliburton County. "911 pulls everyone together," she said. She commended everyone who worked so hard to make the launch of the service possible.

The OPP was represented by acting Staff Sergeant Tim Pierce and Staff Sergeant Bob Walli, who is on assignment at the district headquarters in Orillia.

"It will make a significant improvement," Pierce said.

Walli noted that when he came to Haliburton County in 1999 from an area that already had 911 service it was a major adjustment for him. He said that new officers who came to the area also faced that adjustment. Walli said that the OPP responded to two very serious calls last week and the new civic addressing "saved time and made a big difference."

"Today is a very important day in the County of Haliburton," said Bob English, manager of Emergency Services. "The implementation of 911 is a huge step toward improving our emergency response capabilities."

The civic addressing - naming every road and numbering every residence - is doubly important. "Not only do we now know exactly where you are, but you know exactly where to send us. In the past, on many occasions, we have had to rely on known landmarks to get us to a scene and, unfortunately, information received is only as good as the information given."

He said the County of Haliburton for the past three years, under the leadership of Wardens Eleanor Harrison, Ross Rigney and Bill Davis, deserve accolades for their hard work and diligence in seeing the project to fruition.

He also had praise for the members of municipal councils, especially for the difficult decisions regarding road naming, meeting with various cottage associations and fielding hundreds of enquiries from their respective property owners.

"County and municipal staff personnel were quite often called upon to assist various stages of this project and who at times wondered if this day would ever come," he said. "The 911 staff gave 110 per cent attention to this project from day one and met with me on a number of occasions to resolve operational issues. To the many others who contributed their tireless effort in bringing this project to life, thank you."

English noted that Haliburton County encompasses 4,450 square kilometers. It has a permanent population of 18,000 and a seasonal population of 65,000 during peak periods. There are more than 21,000 properties, including 1,226 with water access, more than 2,000 named roads, including 900 new road names.

Miles Maughan, Dysart et al Fire Chief and Co-ordinator of Fire Services for Haliurton County, said 911 will be a huge improvement in the delivery of emergency services. Civic

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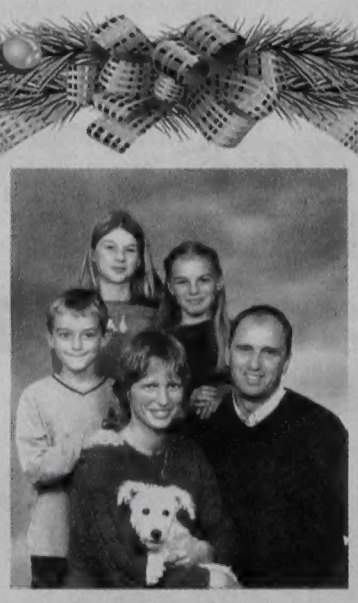

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Bill Davis makes first 911 call

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addressing has already proven very beneficial in getting the appropriate emergency personnel to the right location as quickly as possible. "Time is critical and 911 makes it quicker," he said.

Maughan acknowledged the cottage and property owners' associations in the county for their co-operation. He noted that the 911 addressing also helps businesses make deliveries.

Then Davis made the first official 911 call, "This is a non-emergency call. Is this a good time to do a test," Davis asked the dispatcher. The dispatcher asked what emergency service was required. "We need an ambulance at 11 Newcastle Street in Minden," Davis said.

The dispatcher asked if the patient was awake. Davis replied that the patient was awake, drawing a laugh from the audience. The dispatcher asked the nature of the call and Davis explained that he was caling on behalf of Haliburton County to test the 911 system.

"At this time we are now online and alive," Davis said. "Thank you for your assistance."

Within about a minute, the ambulance siren was heard pulling up in front of the building.

Lance Crossley/TIMES

Hyland donation

When Katrina Shaddock, facilitator for the Residents' Council at Hyland Crest, petitioned local organizations to help raise money for two brand new 51" Toshiba TVs for the Hyland Crest long-term care facility in Minden she received a good response. Club 35, Minden Legion Ladies Auxiliary and the Minden Health Care Auxiliary made donations. The Residents' Council of Hyland Crest also donated funds along with private donations received from: Ken and Isobel Britain, Betty and Gerald Hicks, Eileen Hughes, Bruce Nesbitt and Bill Mosley. Some of the donors were missed when The Times ran the item last week. We apologize for the oversight.

How big was the 911 project?

The 911 project had its beginnings back in 2000.

At that time, a limited effort had been started to identify public and private roads in the county. In February 2001, County Council approved a plan for the building of a 911 system.

A project team was formed in June to prepare for the major fieldwork to be undertaken in the following year. Beginning in late 2003 and continuing into 2004, a major effort was made to link telephone numbers to civic addresses. Any unfinished work will be completed in the spring of 2005.

Wilson offered the following data to put some perspective on the scope of the project:

- Total elapsed months since work began by the 911 staff - 42.
- Total number of traditional roads –1,867.
- Total improved properties - 20,767.
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Water rescue?

When is saving an animal's life worth risking a human life? All but the most fanatic of animal rights activists would probably answer with a resounding never!

Very few people could stand idly by and watch a deer, or three deer as was the case Wednesday on Little Boshkung Lake, struggle to survive a plunge through the ice and into the frigid water. And so it is only natural for witnesses to that event to wonder if something more could have been done.

One of the three deer, a fawn, died before it could be pulled from the water. The other two were finally pulled to shore after more than two hours in the water, a distance estimated to be at least 100 yards. The fate of the two does, as this is written, is unknown. They may have died from the traumatic experience. Evidence seems to indicate that they were transported from the scene in a vehicle of some kind. Whether or not they were alive is unknown. Where they were taken is also unknown. The ministry would like to know what became of the two rescued deer.

Emotion might lead us to be critical of the MNR for not acting immediately when ministry personnel attended the scene Wednesday morning. The deer were not in the water at that time and it was hoped that if they were left alone they might return to shore, and safety, on their own.

It is not diffcult to understand why a half dozen of so concerned people decided to try to rescue the deer by commandeering a couple of boats and breaking the ice out to the stranded deer.

There are a lot of "what ifs" in a case like this.

What if one of the rescuers ended up in the lake? Hypothermia works much faster on people than deer.

What if everybody just left the deer to their own fate? If there were no vehicles and people on the shore nearest to the deer would they have come to safety on their own?

As is the case with all "what if" scenarios, we will never know what would have happened if something different had been done.

Some might be justified in suggesting that all three deer should have been quickly and humanely dispatched and the venison given to someone who would have put it to good use.

There is no right or wrong answer.

We can be grateful that none of the rescuers was injured, or worse.

Marketing decisions

County Council's decision to hire its own marketing person may be what has been needed all along. Farming out the responsibility of marketing Haliburton County to the rest of Ontario and beyond gave county officials little control over how and where its marketing dollars were spent. With marketing done in-house, County Council will have the opportunity to monitor the progress of the marketing campaigns on an ongoing basis, rather than relying on annual or semi-annual reports.

We hope the county has the wisdom to hire someone with the appropriate skills to do the best marketing job for Haliburton County.

It is unfortunate that this idea wasn't brought forward before tenders were issued for marketing proposals. Those who spent the time, energy and money to develop their proposals and answer the tender could be forgiven if they are bitter about their time and resources being wasted.

On the plus side, the Chamber of Commerce can get back to doing what a chamber of commerce is supposed to do – provide information.

– JG

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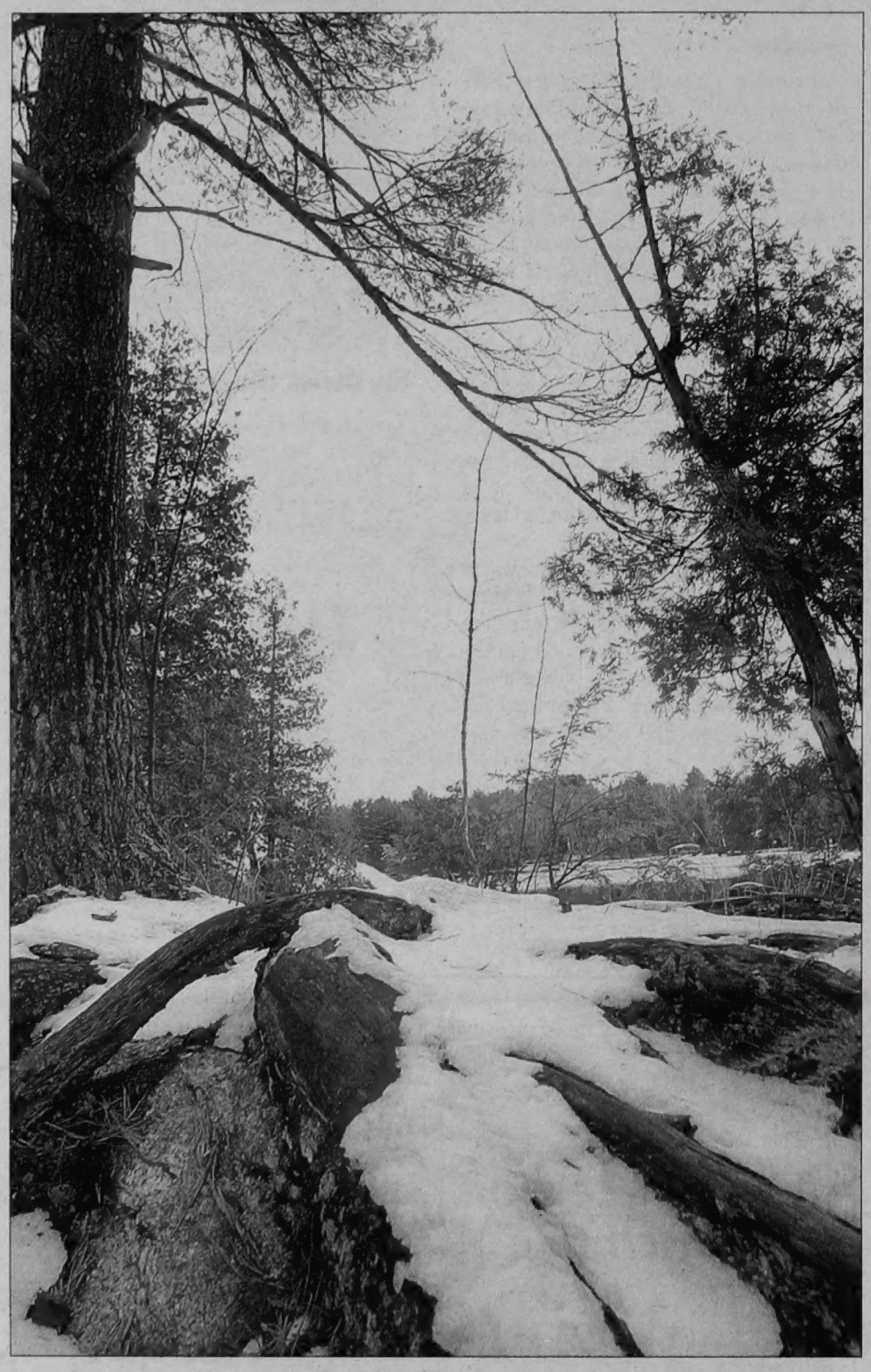

IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Snow-bathed rocks. Photo by DARREN LUM/Times

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

She wants her street back

To the Editor:

Well, it's official. 911 is here. The new signs are up and "they've" had their party. But I still have to question the thought, or lack of thought, that was put into some of the street name changes.

For instance, St. Paul's Church has been in its present location for almost 200 years! So was North Water Street renamed St. Paul's (Street, Road, Drive)? No. Now it's Invergordon Avenue. Where the heck did that come from? And, MacKay Drive is now McKay Street. Why was that changed at all?

There's a reason it was named MacKay originally. Did anyone do their research? I think not! Also, Allister Street nc longer exists. It was "incorporated" into McKay Street. Didn't know that was coming. Wasn't in the 2003 list of name changes printed in the newspaper.

I think having 911 service in our area is great. I just believe that before people spent their time (and our money?) changing road and street names, that they should have given some consideration as to the history of the area and conducted their efforts accordingly.

Gaye Botticella
31 McKay Street
(formerly MacKay Drive)
formerly 7 Allister Street

P.S. I am also the secretary of St. Paul's Church, formerly on North Water Street, now on Invergordon Avenue.

P.P.S. We (my husband, son and I) want our street back!

INOTHERWORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

Throwing in the towel

In one of the more interesting and light-hearted seasonal stories, it was reported that tea towel manufacturers are absolutely in love with the Christmas season.

Is this because tea towels make good Christmas gifts? Uh, no. Trust me on this.

I mean, even the best actor would have a hard time feigning excitement after unwrapping a tea towel. "Oh gosh, a tea towel! It's just what I always wanted!" No, that just wouldn't work. In fact, giving a set of them to your wife for Christmas, anniversaries, birthdays or even just to show you care might be dangerous enough to warrant a disclaimer on the label.

But, despite this, immediately prior to Christmas, tea towel sales are booming. This is mostly because of the multitude of school nativity plays that are held during the festive season. In the towel trade, this is known as the Bethlehem Boost.

It seems that the parents of every Mary, Joseph, Wise Man or shepherd buy these things for their children to use as Middle-eastern headpieces in their school productions. When you add a colourful shoelace headband and markered-in beard, the biblical effect is actually quite convincing. Unless your child is slated to play Mary, in which case I'd forget the facial hair. Although, let's face it, facial hair might explain the whole virginity thing quite nicely.

BEYOND35

Steve Galea

But I digress.

Yes, the modern tea towel is actually tailor-made to accessorize the terry cloth housecoats that our children also borrow for use as robes. And each year thousands of our little ones trundle shyly out on stage wearing merely these things, stage fright and sneakers. It's that one special time of the year when you can see what the other fathers wear at bath time.

My son Ryan donned these special clothes this week at his school's nativity play. Maybe your child did too. And somewhere along the way, between the near-silent singing, anxious shuffling feet, and proud smiling parents, I was reminded that I too wore the costume for my critically acclaimed role as the second shepherd in the St. Lawrence grade school production of "Jesus, the Manger Years." Why I never won best supporting actor for my riveting performance is anyone's guess.

Until I read this news piece though, I never really considered how many subtle Christmas traditions we take for granted or how many of these happy experiences connect the generations. The grade school play with its hockey stick shepherd staffs, cardboard angel's wings, clothes hanger and tinsel halos, and nervous young faces is timeless and the stuff that the season is made of. For a short time, they join communities together for one collective festive smile. No one can leave a school play feeling anything but happy.

And the lowly tea towel has an important place in all of that. For one day of the year, for one time in its unappreciated lifetime of menial chores, it is something verging on sacred and special. For it adorns the heads of our little angels and helps create an illusion, however innocent and naïve, of the one great gift that we as Christians hold dear.

Yes, in many ways this transition is a modern day Christmas miracle. Ah, what am I saying? The real Christmas miracle would be if the kids picked one up to do the dishes.

Local charities could use your gifts

Has your mailbox been like mine? All through the early days of December, was it jammed to overflowing with pleas for money to cure every human ailment and right all of the world's injustices?

And did almost all of those pleas bear return addresses from Toronto, Ottawa, Mississauga, anywhere but Minden or Haliburton?

There was a mailing or two from the county but nary a word from most of the doers of good deeds in the county who need your help to keep doing them.

So why not make some of your gifts to the local causes you will find out about if you just keep reading?

The list that follows doesn't pretend to be complete, partly because I only thought of putting it together at the last moment. Actually it wasn't I who put it together so much as Stanhope's Elinor Hamilton, who did much of the legwork. Any mistakes are mine alone.

If your group was overlooked, make a note to yourself to remind me of your existence next November, when I'll try to repeat and improve the process.

To qualify, your group has to be local, not simply a branch of some provincial or national charity. And, except for the exception I am about to make, you need to be capable of issuing a federal tax receipt.

Most groups will accept post-dated cheques, though you won't get a tax receipt until they've been cashed. If a $300 donation seems like more than you can handle right now, monthly cheques for $25 would add up to $300 by this time next year.

Many groups will accept some direction on how your donation is spent. For example, if you think the Haliburton County Library needs more history books in its collection, ask the library to buy some with your money.

BACKOFBEYOND

Neil Campbell

Just one more thing and then we get to it. For each group, I have listed the address and a telephone number you can call with your questions. Please call for instructions before you send a cheque.

Our only exception to our tax-receipt rule is Perma-Frost, which still needs your help in its campaign to save the Frost Centre. Phone Carolynn Coburn (754-9859). Mail: P.O. Box 1002, Minden. K0M 2K0

The Frost needs all the friends it can get and some of them belong to the Friends of the Frost Centre, which *can* issue tax receipts. The Friends work to preserve the Frost's heritage and to support other Frost-linked organizations. Phone Ross Rabjohn (766-2207). Mail: P.O. Box 307, Dorset. POA 1E0

Walk for Water pays for well-drilling in third-world villages – 51 of them in 2004, for example. Not only do you get a tax receipt; the federal government matches your contribution. Phone Ron Reid (489-2431). Mail: P.O. Box 553, Minden. K0M 2K0

The Haliburton Outdoor Association's special project is preserving a local subspecies of trout, but it does other good work for our woods and wildlife. Phone Kyla Greenham (457-9964). Mail: P.O. Box 184, Haliburton. K0M 1S0

County council is considering paying down all or part of the loan still owing on our new hospitals. For now, the debt is still the obligation of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, which will turn its attention to equipment upgrades if it is relieved of the building loan. Dale Walker (286-1580) will explain. Mail: P.O. Box 30, Minden. K0M 2K0

The Friends of St. Stephen's are restoring one of the county's pioneer stone churches. Phone: Wanda Mole (489-2050). Mail: Wanda Mole, R.R. 2, Minden. K0M 2K0

Most donations to the Minden Food Bank come in the form of food but a cash donation will get you a tax receipt and buy food items donors may have overlooked. The Food Bank helps 225 families. Phone Barb Walford-Davis (489-1715) or Mary Hicks (489-2297). Mail: P.O. Box 893, Minden. K0M 2K0

Also helping families are Haliburton County Home Support Services and Family Services of Haliburton County. For Home Support, phone Roxanne Casey (457-2941). Mail: P.O. Box 956, Haliburton. K0M 1S0

Family Services works with one in four children in the county, helping them maximize their potential, says Fay Martin (286-2191). Mail: P.O. Box 1306, Haliburton. K0M 1S0

The Haliburton Highlands Learning Programme conducts adult literacy groups in communities across the county. Phone Jane Selbie (457-3430). Mail: P.O. Box 716, Haliburton. K0M 1S0

For $25, you can adopt a metre of one of four trails in the county that are part of the Trail & Tours Network. Phone 489-4049. Mail: General Delivery, Carnarvon. K0M 1J0

The Haliburton County Library can always use money to buy more books for its branches across the county. Phone Joel Levis (457-2241). Mail: P.O. Box 119, Haliburton. K0M 1S0

SIRCH's special Christmas project is raising money for its hospice program, which assists people with life-threatening illnesses. To find out more about this and other SIRCH projects, phone 457-1742. Mail: P.O. Box 687, Haliburton. K0M 1S0.

Reader sick and tired of Frost Centre stories

To the Editor:

I am inquiring as to why the *Minden Times* and the *Haliburton Echo* continue to give Frost Centre stories front page coverage. Does an employee of the paper have a personal interest in the Frost? Don't get me wrong, I'm as upset as the next person in the county for what they did to this fine institution. I also appreciate the efforts people are putting in to try and save the Frost. It's just that I'm getting tired of reading insignificant stories about the Frost on the front page. I mean the sign being taken down or the hiring of an individual should not be a front page story. Some other story on the front page of these two wonderful papers would be a refreshing change.

MORELETTERS

Times readers write

By the way, I'm not the only person who feels this way. I have heard many of my friends make the same comments. Put the Frost back on the front page when there is a significant breakthrough. I would love to see a headline on the front page that read "the Frost Centre is back in business" but, until then, keep the insignificant stories about people moving furniture around or someone at the Frost leaving a light on overnight to the back pages of the paper where they belong. Or better yet, don't print them at all.

Karen Reynolds
Haliburton

'Quiet, unsung men' still need to speak out against violence

To the Editor:

I would like to thank Steve Galea for speaking out on the issue of violence against women in last week's *Times*. It is good to hear that he and most men he knows have never committed or even considered an act of violence against a woman, and in fact, they abhor the thought. I am grateful for every "quiet, unsung act in defence of women". Most of the men I know are also kind, respectful, and egalitarian. We are, however, among the privileged ones. The 30 or 40 women who are killed each year in Ontario alone by their current or former male partner, or the thousands of women who are assaulted, or the countless women who endure harassment, discrimination, degradation, in order to keep their jobs or protect their children or families, do not have that privilege.

For those of us who use the Montreal Massacre as a symbol and an occasion to mourn, to remember, and to renew our commitment to change, it is clear that, as Mr. Galea states, "we,ve all been smeared by the blood he's shed" - this violence does affect us all, and we are not really free as a society until all may live without fear. Although this event is used as a reminder (and was designated as a Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women by the federal government), and for many of us was a turning point in our awareness, Mr. Galea is right, it was only one event. And, thankfully, probably closely correlated to the gun control that Mr. Galea sees as so intrusive, this type of event is also "incredibly rare" in Canada, at least in the number of victims at one time.

What is not rare is the murder, assault, harassment of individual women by their current or former intimate male partner.

What the Montreal Massacre did highlight was the primary reason violent men tend to choose women to assault - because they can, or believe they can. At L'Ecole Polytechnique, the gunman was able to line up the women and target them - with few exceptions, the men did not intervene. In a home, a workplace, even in public, the violent man chooses women as targets because we as a society keep women in a lesser place and do not take seriously the threat of violence, shrugging off "minor incidents". In the year following the Montreal Massacre, assaults on women by men in Quebec rose by 30 per cent, and have only slightly declined since then.

The "chip on their shoulders" that Mr. Galea sees feminists carrying is really a torch of responsibility that we would welcome sharing more widely. When all people choose peaceful means of resolving problems, when the shelters and the domestic violence police go out of business, when all children are raised in love, respect, and equality, we will perhaps no longer need the wake up call that this anniversary provides, to renew our determination to live in peace, for the benefit of all. Until then, we will work to raise awareness and support change, while continuing to mop up the destruction and mourn the losses.

Many men are also active in antiviolence; Mr. Galea and others are welcome to move further than "quiet, unsung acts" and find their own ways of bringing this era of violence to an end. If men who use violence saw vast numbers of men, just like them in most respects, speaking out in ways that deplored the use of violence, if "good old boys" sexist jokes were regularly met with silence, if every man who talked about keeping his girlfriend in line, or showing his wife who's boss, even in jest, was educated and supported by the rest of the guys to find respectful ways of relating, if every incident that moved along the continuum that ends in violence was taken seriously as an opportunity to find ways of relating in equality and freedom - what a peaceful world of possibilities this would be for all women, men, and children. Every action for peace is to be celebrated.

Claire Sylvan
Haliburton

Homeowners shouldn't shovel snow onto cleared sidewalks

To the Editor:

My letter to the editor once again is about the plowing of the sidewalks. After nearly five days the sidewalks were finally plowed but there is one thing that wasn't done - sand or salt.

I am glad to see that the township has done the sidewalks but I am not pleased to see that homeowners between the library and the dentist office have plowed or shovelled their snow onto the sidewalks after the township has cleared it. I think that homeowners need to have some respect for those of us who walk because I really don't want to have to walk on the road, as I already have done thanks to the township taking so long to do the sidewalks and nearly get hit by cars.

I hope the township will start sanding or salting the sidewalks and I hope the homeowners will respect those who walk and keep the snow from their driveways off of the sidewalks.

Kim Mason
Minden

Winter

Winter is fun,
I love snow.
Nature in my backyard.
Time to go sledding.
Eating chocolate chip cookies.
Riding a sled down a hill.

Tabitha

Can hospital levy still be tax deductible?

To the Editor

Re: Hospital Debt

I read with interest your suggestion to increase everyone's taxes to pay off the hospital debt.

I have already (as have many others) contributed several times to the hospital fund on a tax receipt, charitable basis. Why not continue the practice?

Show the hospital tax on the first tax bill and issue a charitable receipt when the tax is paid. It seems to me that this will make the tax increase more acceptable.

Ed Braithwaite
East Moore Lake

Children's delight in Christmas comes to life in the Christmas supplement in this week's *Times*. Our advertisers share their holiday greetings in this annual celebration of the season.

"The Cardinal has merely beauty to give, while we have so much more"

For the seventh year the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation decorates trees located in the front lobbies of the Health Care Facilities with tags sponsored by gifts from our generous supporters. To date this campaign has raised **$37,861.00**. The proceeds will assist the Foundation to pay off the $1,155,000 capital loan on the Health Care Facilities.

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Making a joyful noise

St. Paul's Church draws full house to take part in its Festival of Lessons and Carols

It was a full house this past Sunday for St. Paul's Church at its Festival of Lessons and Carols. Decked out in Christmas red, the St. Paul's choir gave a stirring rendition of "Joy to the World". Organist Elaine Bell performed before the choir, accompanied them during their choral performance, and played a postlude. Also performing were the Highlands Brass Quintet of Walter Barnes, Glen Carter, John Stouffer, Lori Reddering, and Bob Davis. The service was followed by refreshments in the church basement.

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Controversy brewing over Snowdon landfill

Minden Hills claims Highlands East got free use of landfill sites

by LANCE CROSSLEY
Times staff

A potential conflict of interest is brewing between Minden Hills and Highlands East pertaining to outstanding payments over the Snowdon landfill.

The issue was brought to the attention of Minden Hills Council at its year-end meeting last Thursday.

Prior to amalgamation, an agreement had been reached between the former townships of Snowdon (now in Minden Hills) and Glamorgan (now in Highands East.) It stipulated that Glamorgan residents pay a set fee for the use of Lochlin and Irondale landfill sites. After amalgamation the agreement was not renewed and even forgotten, which unwittingly gave Highlands East residents a free ride.

It is estimated that Highlands East owes Minden Hills approximately $20,000 for use of the landfill sites up to the end of this year. The figure was arrived at by Bob Romberg and Glen Covert, the respective environmental and property managers for Minden Hills and Highlands East. When the matter was brought to the attention to Highlands East council, they subsequently cut a cheque for $10,000, only half of the specified amount.

While the majority of Minden Hills council regarded the issue as a "debt" that Highlands East should pay in full, Councillor Ron Buchanan urged fellow members to let the issue go.

"I'm happy with the $10,000," said Buchanan. "I would like to see the other $10,000, but just to maintain harmony between the two townships, I'm going to vote against proceeding any further in the matter."

Other councillors such as Peter Oyler weren't as forgiving, saying it's an economic decision and the township should be pursuing the leftover $10,000. "This is money due to us. While I respect where Councillor Buchanan is coming from in terms of potential hardships over this, let's be very clear about this: This is not our fault. Why should our taxpayers be footing the bill?"

The Highlands East resolution that paid out $10,000 also specified that the Snowdon landfill will cease being used by its taxpayers as of Jan.1, 2005, thereby eliminating any future payments.

This concerned Reeve Ross Rigney, who wondered what measure Highlands East had in place to ensure its residents were aware of the change.

"I want to make sure [Highlands East] gets full credit for this decision," said the reeve. "A lot of these people who live in that area are our regular customers. We want them to clearly understand that this was not our decision."

Further compounding the issue, according to Bob Romberg, is that Minden Hills has no authority to actually stop Highlands East residents from frequenting their sites. The jurisdiction falls under the Ministry of Environment (MOE) and the certificates of approval that it issues regarding andfills.

"We can't say no," said Romberg.

This did not sit well with Oyler, who said, "So what you're saying is that from Jan. 1st on we're providing a freebee for the residents of Highlands East."

While council further investigates the MOE's regulations, a motion to pursue the remaining $10,000 was passed by all council members, except Buchanan, who voted against the resolution.

HEALTH UNIT HOLIDAY HOURS

Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit will be closed for the holiday season on December 23, 24, 27, 30 & 31.

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For further information, please contact Bob Romberg at (705) 286-1260.

COUNTY OF HALIBURTON
Roads Department

NOTICE TO MOTORIZED SNOW VEHICLE OEPRATORS

The County of Haliburton has enacted By-Law No. 2954 under the authority of the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act R.S.O., 1990 Chapter M44 Section 5, which restricts the operation of motorized snow vehicles upon the serviced roadway, except to cross, on the following County Highway.s

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Jim Wilson
Chief Administrative Officer

Lance Crossley TIMES

Children share the glory of Christmas

Archie Stouffer Elementary School's primary choir charmed residents at Hyland Crest's long-term care facility with a series of Christmas songs. In this photo, students accompany the song "Away in a Manger" with hand gestures

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Deposits on all beverage containers would reduce waste

by LANCE CROSSLEY
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at last Thursday's Minden Hills council meeting.

Minden Hills supported an environmental initiative passed by Algonquin Highlands. The resolution is asking the Ontario government to implement a system of deposit returns for all metal, glass, and plastic beverage containers, similar to the existing practice of returned beer bottles.

Reeve Ross Rigney was eager to lend the council's weight to the resolution, saying, "This is a no-loser, it's a total gainer."

"Recycling is very expensive, and this will dramatically reduce the amount of recycling," agreed Councillor Clayton Cameron.

The petition states that many European countries already insist on reusable plastic beverage containers instead of recycling. It also said that in Alberta a modest five cent deposit on all beverage containers has resulted in 82 per cent being returned for reuse.

COUNCILBRIEFS
Minden Hills

Though everyone voted in favour of the initiative, Councillor Ron Buchanan sounded a cautionary note, saying it may impede the township's effort to meet the Ontario government's proposed 60 per cent diversion rate.

"That diversion rate, and I hope council understands this, is solely based on our recyclables that are being diverted."

Kudos for road boss

Council commended Road Superintendent Kevin Hills on a "good job" responding to the slippery road conditions of late. Deputy-reeve Jim McMahon said he has received numerous positive comments in regards to the winter road conditions.

New rules for landfill contractors

Council approved a request by Bob Romberg to implement terms of reference for contract haulers to Minden Hills landfill sites. The environmental and property operations manager wanted "to ensure that we have some regulation with what's going on in our landfill sites since we don't have anything at the present time."

Romberg said they have had "continual" and "significant" problems resulting from contractors misplacing or not putting things back properly.

Hunter shoots adult moose instead of calf

A Kettleby man who told a conservation officer that he believed the cow moose he shot dead was a calf has been fined $1,000.

Lee Roy Harrison, 51, was found guilty of illegally killing an adult moose. He tagged the animal with a game seal valid for a calf.

Court heard that on October 18 this year, a Ministry of Natural Resources Minden District conservation officer found a cow moose hanging at a registered hunt camp in Sherborne Township, Haliburton.

Neither Harrison, nor anyone else in his party, had a licence valid for a cow moose. Harrison said he made an honest mistake, telling the investigator he thought he was shooting at a calf.

Hunters are responsible for identifying targets, and information in the ministry's Hunting Regulations Summary assists them in making those determinations.

Justice of the Peace D. L. Jackson heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Minden, on December 2.

The public is asked to help protect its natural resources by reporting violations to their local MNR office or to call Crime Stoppers at 1–800–222–TIPS (8477).

North Water Street might keep its name

The confusion over the name of North Water Street has been resolved: it's North Water Street.

Though most people never stopped calling it "North Water", it was technically changed to Invergordon Ave. last year when it slipped through a road naming by-law that was passed in preparation for 911. The matter was further confused when a group petitioned council to change the name to St. Paul's Road.

Council thought the matter would be clarified when it requested input from all North Water property owners in early November, but the results were inconclusive.

"Opinions are all over the map on this, as well as 12 not responding," said Councillor Peter Oyler with poll results in hand at last Thursday's council meeting.

Oyler called the recommendation from Municipal Clerk Twyla Nicholson to forward the results to the county a "cop-out" and suggested council handle the matter themselves.

"I agree," said Councillor Clayton Cameron. "Let's not give it back to the country to think about; in fact, let's tell them to change it back to North Water St."

Council's resolution to change the name to North Water Street has been forwarded to the county's 911 department for consideration. The county will be putting in place a procedure outlining how road names can be changed. *L.C.*

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Times Hong Kong correspondent Wayne Henderson is seen here taking some notes in the Sai Wan Bay Cemetery in Hong Kong. He and wife Faye Maddock were invited by the Canadian Consulate to attend the Remembrance Service on December 5.

Hong Kong memorial a moving way to honour war dead

Our Times correspondent in Hong Kong, Wayne Henderson, and his wife Faye Maddock attended a Remembrance service honouring 550 Canadians who gave the supreme sacrifice in time of war at the Sai Wan Bay War Cemetery, Hong Kong. He sends his account of the December 5 ceremonies.

by **WAYNE HENDERSON**
Special to The Times

"We must remember. The meaning of their sacrifice rests with our collective consciousness; our future is their monument."

Heather Robinson, *A Terrible Beauty: The Art of Canada at War*

Faye and I were invited by the Canadian Consulate to attend their Remembrance Service. It has been held each year since 1947. The cemetery is located in a hilly section of Hong Kong. It is terraced and very well maintained. There are trees, flowers and grass - a very peaceful setting.

At its entrance stands a large granite archway through which one looks down to a long, narrow area with rows of white gravestones. A centre stairway leads down to the Canadian section.

As we walked through the cemetery, I noticed that many countries had taken part in the Battle of Hong Kong. Troops from the United Kingdom, Canada, India, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore and other Commonwealth countries were enlisted here to protect Hong Kong from the Japanese. In October, 1941, it was decided to reinforce the regiments with nearly 2,000 Canadian soldiers of the Winnipeg Grenadiers and the Royal Rifles of Canada from Alberta, Winnipeg and Quebec. Shortly after mid-November, they arrived ready to give a helping hand to the Allied Far Eastern and Pacific forces.

Without warning on December 7, 1941, Japan attacked Hong Kong from mainland China. The Winnipeg Grenadiers became the first Canadian regiment to fight in the Second World War. Because of inadequate defences and an aggressive enemy, Commonwealth forces eventually had to pull back to Hong Kong island. At that point, because of troop exhaustion and lack of food and water for all the people, British Major-General Maltby decided to surrender. This happened on Christmas Day, 1941.

More than 2,000 Commonwealth forces had been killed in the battle or were missing. Some of the 2,300 wounded died later in Japanese war camps.

So, at 10 a.m. on December 5, 2004, the veterans were called one by one to lay their wreathes at the Cross of Sacrifice. They were assisted by the 1st Canadian-Hong Kong Scout Group. A children's choir from the Canadian International School sang "Amazing Grace."

The weather was warm and the crowd was a mixture of all ages and races, much as you would expect in any large Canadian crowd. To close, the school choir sang the Chinese and Canadian national anthems. Standing there, I felt extremely proud to be a Canadian. To all those who fought and gave their lives for our future - THANK YOU.

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Christmas open house brings Yuletide cheer

ASES hosted an open house for students and their families last week. It included crafts tables, fundraising booths such as the toy drive and food bank tables, holiday music provided by the Grade 7 and 8 bands, and caroling in the gym. The school raised $160 for the food bank through its bake sales. Teacher Dianne Hagerman, top right, leads the audience in song.

Photos by Darren Lum

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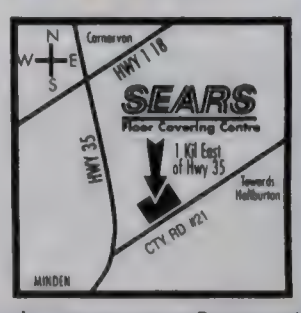

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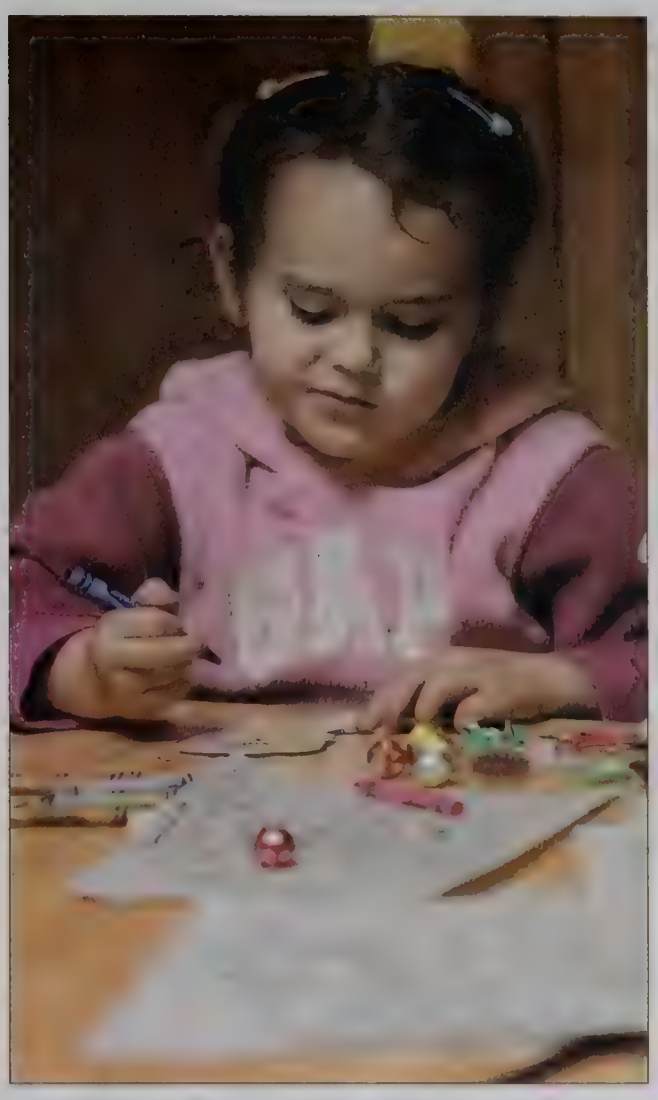

Darren Lum/TIMES

Christmas in Stanhope

Santa Claus was the star attraction at the Stanhope Fire Department's children's Christmas party last Saturday. Each child received a wonderful gift and there were lots of delectable treats for everyone.

Five-year-old Jesse Barry, above, shows her reaction to the crayon selection while colouring in her stocking at the Stanhope Christmas Party. She has attended the event for three years.

Tug o' war? Waiting for her turn to receive her Christmas gift Alyssa Stiver, above right, plays a little tug o' war with friend River Christiano as other children visit with Santa Claus.

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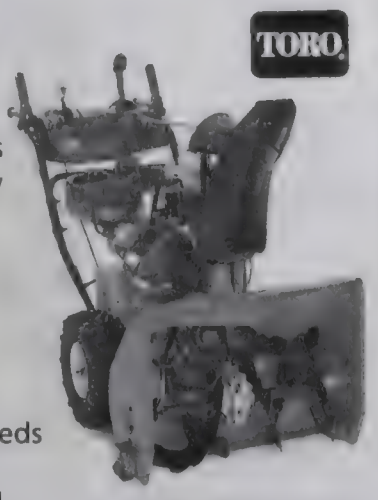

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All resumes must be submitted by **4:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 21st, 2004.**

We sincerely appreciate the interest of all applicants: however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

Atoms win Silver Stick

by TODD BYERS
Special to The Times

The Highland Storm's Atom AE team shows off the hardware from the regional tournament in Haliburton last weekend.

The snow wasn't the only storm in town this past weekend as the Haliburton Timber-mart/Curry Motors Atom AEs, led by coach Dan Chaulk, captured the regional silver stick tournament in Haliburton.

The first game featured the Storm playing the Eagles from Ennismore. The Storm started quickly with Donavan MacInnes opening the scoring 38 seconds into the game with helpers from Tanner Hamilton and Matthew Besner. Before the first period was over Taylor Rowbotham added another goal, assisted by Kris McDonald and Riley Tait. That same line would add another goal in the second period, this time scored by Kris McDonald with helpers from Taylor Rowbotham and Riley Tait. Jake Harrison would add another goal with helpers Tanner Hamilton and Stewart Chaulk.

Ennismore scored their first goal of the game with 24 seconds left in the second period. In the third, Taylor Rowbotham and Samantha Tallman added two more goals with Ben Hicks and Michael Nelson assisting both goals. Final score Storm 6 Ennismore 1.

The Storm's second game of the day was against the Belleville Bobcats. This game would prove to be a tougher test for the young Storm team. In the first Samantha Tallman opened the scoring on a beautiful shot over the glove of the Bobcat goalie on a wonderful setup from Jacob Kidd. But the Bobcats answered back eight seconds later. A minute and a half later Kris McDonald pulled the Storm back in front on the setup from Taylor Rowbotham but once again the Bobcats evened the score.

The third period was a back and forth affair, with the Bobcats and the Storm getting many chances to score. Tanner Hamilton put the Storm in front on a beautiful goal, set up by Stewart Chaulk and Matthew Besner. The Bobcats tried their best to come back but the Storm defense wouldn't allow the Bobcats into their zone in the final minute. Final score 3-2 for the Storm.

Lakefield would be the last opponent of the day for the Storm. The team knew they had to win the game to advance to the championship round, but they also knew it wouldn't be easy. The Storm had downgraded themselves to a category one and they came out very slow. Lakefield took control of the first period but Mitch Byers was outstanding in goal and wouldn't let the puck past him.

The second period started much better. Finally at 5:27 Jacob Kidd opened the scoring, set up by Stewart Chaulk, and with seven seconds left in the second Kris McDonald would get his third goal of the tournament set up once again by Stewart Chaulk and Michael Nelson.

In the third Lakefield got their first goal on a breakaway that Michael Kunkel got a piece of but it fluttered over his head and just across the line. Then Lakefield tied the game at 4:44, but Taylor Rowbotham, with his fifth point of the tournament, put the

Storm ahead to stay. Goalie Michael Kunkel was outstanding in the last three minutes to keep the score 3 to 2 for the Storm.

The Storm finished with 22 points and finished first in their division and qualified for the championship round on Sunday.

The Storm's opponent in the semifinal were the Lincoln Blades. The first period was a close checking affair with Lincoln scoring at 5:32. But Kris McDonald fired back with help from Tanner Hamilton and Samantha Tallman.

The second period started the same as the first, hard hitting and lots of scoring chances, but the Hali'bulin'ton Wall, made up of Mitch Byers and Michael Kunkel, would not allow another goal. Finally at 7:48, Jake Harrison put the Storm in front, with assist by Jacob Kidd and Stewart Chaulk.

The third period was as exciting as the first two periods, but the Storm pulled through. The final score: Storm 3 Blades 2. With his outstanding defense in this game, Benny Hicks was named the MVP of the Storm.

In the final the Storm faced a very tough opponent from Acton which had finished first in their division with 20 points. All the parents were very nervous before the start of the game, but you wouldn't know these kids were heading into a championship game as they all appeared to be very relaxed. Once the music was shut off, and the helmets were fastened, they were ready to go.

The Storm came out flying in the first, but so did the Tanners. Early in the first period, Matthew Besner took a devastating hit trying to keep the puck in the Tanner zone, and was not able to return to the game. The defense for the Storm, consisting of Samantha Tallman, Andrew Hewitt, Michael Nelson and Benny Hicks, proved to be too much for the Tanners as

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St. James', Kinmount	11:15 am	Morning Prayer

Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

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	11:00 pm	Midnight Eucharist & Carols
St. John's, Irondale	7:00 pm	Family Christmas Service
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Atoms AEs earn berth in Pelham

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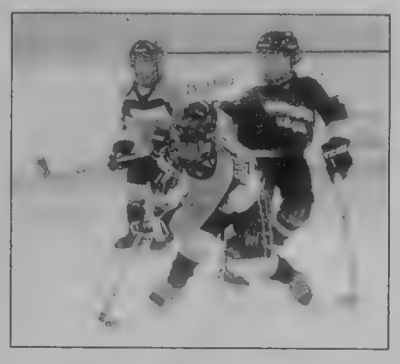
they couldn't get many scoring chances, but when they did the Hali'bulin'ton Wall were there to stone them. With 19 seconds to go in the first, Jake Harrison popped one by the Acton goalie to open the scoring. The assist went to Kris McDonald.

The second period was just as exciting. There was lots of back and forth action, lots of hard hits, but no scoring. The score remained 1 to 0 for the Storm.



The third period opened up with the parents from both teams cheering their teams on. Both teams provided lots of action, but the Storm's Michael Kunkel and Mason Overland from the Tanners provided some outstanding goaltending in the third. While trying to get the puck out of out zone, Donny MacInnes was nailed behind our net. After a few minutes on the ice he returned to the bench and came back out for his next shift, and hit the post with a blistering wrist shot but was unable to return after that. Finally, with 40 seconds remaining in the game, Kris McDonald popped in the insurance goal that they needed. Final score: Storm 2, Tanners 0. MVP for the Storm was Taylor Rowbotham.

The win gives the Storm a berth in the tournament in Pelham, Ontario on January 13.

Finally I would like to recognize the effort the whole team. They all did an outstanding job by going undefeated thorough out the tournament. Way to go team.

Also, the team would like to wish Samantha Tallman

Tournament attracts 16 teams

On December 11th and 12th, the Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association hosted a regional Silver Stick Tournament. The tournament provided 16 Atom AE and Peewee AE teams from all over Ontario a fun and exciting weekend.

On Saturday, the snow couldn't stop the dedicated parents or kids from competing in this North America-wide tournament. The Atom teams participated in Haliburton and the Peewees in Minden. There were many exciting games at both arenas with parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters cheering on their family members.

Also these tournaments would not be a success without the dedication and effort of the parents from the local Storm teams. Without their dedication our fundraising efforts would not have been so successful. Special thanks to two fine gentlemen, Gary Clement and Todd Byers, who were the tournament conveners for the weekend and all the parents who assisted Gary and Todd on these two days. Without their help these gentlemen would have been very stressed.

Congratulations to our Haliburton Timber-Mart/Curry Motors Atom AE team for qualifying for the championship tournament to be held in Pelham from January 13 to 16. Way to go team !!!

Should you be interested in attending and supporting the county's team a schedule will be available at www.highlandstorm.org after January 1.

Thanks go out to the tournament sponsors; without them is tournament would not be able to take place. Sponsors were local businesses and people who support minor hockey and make the Silver Stick tournaments such a great success.

A special thanks goes to Delta Pinestone and the Wigamog Inn for providing affordable accommodations for the out-of-town teams. Also a special thanks goes out to Fantastic Memories for providing their professional photography services to all the teams in this tournament. Great job !!!

And one more thanks goes out to Wade MacInnes, who has spent many many hours organizing not only this tournament, but all the Highland Storm tournaments.

THANKS WADE !!!

Don't' forget, the Midget and Bantam AE teams will be hosting their Silver Stick December 18th and 19th in Minden and Haliburton. Come out and support our teams. GO STORM GO !!!!

Atom AE

Orr Division

Highland Storm 22 pts
Belleville 15 (won tiebreaker)
Lakefield 15
Ennismore 2

Gretzky Division

Acton 20
Lincoln 18
Lindsay 14
Mount Forest 3

Peewee AE

Howe Division

Belleville 25
Lakefield 14
Highland Storm 9
Ennismore 7

Lemieux Division

Napanee 17
Elmvale 16 (won tiebreaker)
Tillsonburg 16
Lindsay 7

Atom semifinal

Acton 4 Belleville 2
Storm 2 Lincoln 1

Atom Final

Storm 2 Acton 0

Peewee semifinal

Napanee 3 Lakefield 2 OT
Belleville 3 Elmvale 0

Peewee Final

Belleville 8 Napanee 1

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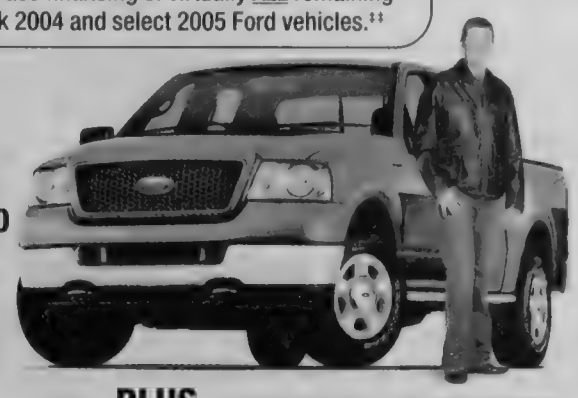

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Blake Paton

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Skiing and grooming has already begun on the lit loop at Glebe Park, so it is definitely time to renew ski passes or become a ski club member. The lit loop at Glebe is open until 9:00 every night, and even in the dark month of December we are sometimes a little forgetful of how valuable a community resource the Glebe facility is. Haliburton county truly has some of the best skiing anywhere.

The Haliburton Highlands Cross Country Ski Club, known locally as THE ski club, is in the midst of its membership renewals. Our keen new membership secretary, Joleen Thomas, claimed first tracks by skiing on December 2nd. Thanks, also, Joleen, for volunteering to be our membership secretary. Contact Joleen with your membership inquiries: joleen@boatwerks.net or 286-3649.

After a few years of hiatus due to construction at the new campus, the ski club will be hosting a race this year at Glebe Park on January 8. This free technique race will be open to all.

Ski club members may also ski at The Frost Centre. Despite the uncertainty of the Centre itself, the ski trails will be open for business as usual. All indications are that the Frost trails will be around for many years to come.

Are you new to skiing? Thinking of taking up the sport or introducing it to your kids? Check out the Haliburton Nordic Trails web page for all the details at www.skihaliburton.com. Check it out and get the skinny on what's happening on skinny skis.

Darren Lum/TIMES

Game winner

Red Hawks winger Sean Keaney evades his check behind the Lions net. as HHSS edged out the Adam Scott Lions at home on Monday, Dec. 13. Keaney scored the game winner to give the Red Hawks a stranglehold on first place in the AA Kawartha league. They are 6 - 2 - 1 and are four points up on second place Lakefield.

Darren Lum/TIMES

Hawks host tournament

Senior Red Hawks setter Kathryn Berube gets to a poorly hit ball during the first game against the LCVI Spartans at the HHSS volleyball open tournament. HHSS lost their second game against the LCVI Spartans, but captured the match 2 - 1 (25 - 22, 25 - 16, 25 - 14). In their last match of the day the Red Hawks won convincingly (25 - 13, 25 - 19). HHSS were the class of the tournament, earning more than 20 kills in the tournament. Clarke, I.E. Weldon and St. Thomas Aquinas pulled out the day of the tournament.

Tykes repeat their winning ways

by **KATHY MCKELVEY-BROWN**
Special to The Times

On Sunday, December 12 the Highland Storm Tyke team had home ice advantage when they met Gravenhurst for the first time this season. Still revved from their big win last weekend they were aiming for a repeat, which at game end, they had accomplished.

Goalie Conner Gadway had lots of time to watch the game from in front of the net while a much stronger Storm team dominated the play. With each game you can see their skills improving.

Gravenhurst was only able to sneak one goal past Gadway while the Storm team kept the opposition's goalie continually trying to stop rubber.

Scoring Stats for the game were as follows: William Stephenson, three goals, one assist; Hunter Bishop, two goals; Braydin Hollows, one goal, seven assists; Sydney Cameron, one goal; Owen Flood, four goals, one assist; Morgan Hamilton, three goals, two assists; Braden Roberts, two goals, four assists; and Devon Upton, two goals and two assists.

A rematch will take place in Gravenhurst on Saturday, December 18.

MNR extends turkey hunting hours

The Ontario government is improving wild turkey hunting opportunities by extending hunting hours to a full day

Starting in April 2005, wild turkey hunting may take place from half an hour before sunrise to 7 p.m. Hunters will also have until noon the day following a successful hunt to register their birds, rather than the same day. Previously, hunters could only hunt wild turkey from half an hour before sunrise until noon.

Once common in parts of southern Ontario, the wild turkey was wiped out here in the early 1900s. In 1984, a reintroduction program was started and the population is now estimated at 50,000.

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SNOW REMOVAL

The Highway Traffic Act R.S.O. 1990, Chapter H.8., Section 170 (12), states "no person shall park or stand a vehicle on a highway in such a manner as to interfere with the movement of traffic or the clearing of snow from the highway". A Police Constable, County or Municipal appointed By-Law Officer may have the vehicle removed from the roadway and stored at the owner's expense.

The Highway Traffic Act R.S.O. 1990, Chapter H.8, Section 181 states "No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing to do so from the Ministry or the road authority responsible for maintenance of the road". The penalty on conviction is a fine of $105.00.

The cooperation of all motorists in these matters would be appreciated for efficient winter maintenance of County and Municipal Roads and the safety of others.

Staff Sgt. Bob Walli
Haliburton Highlands O.P.P.
Minden.

Jim Wilson
Chief Administrative officer

Pennies for Christmas

'Archie Stouffer Elementary School's Grade 1 students participated in a "penny drive" to raise funds for the fire department's food drive. Students were given a penny for each chore completed at home, such as cleaning their room or feeding their dog. Parents of the children also contributed to the cause. Posing in front of the fire truck are Mrs. Coneybeare' class, who raised $105, and Mrs. Smallwood's students, who raised $47. That's a lot of chores! Surely parents are looking forward to the next drive...

Give a metre of trail this Christmas

TRAILS&TOURS

Kate Hall

Season's Greetings to all.

It's been a busy year at Trails and Tours with more "on the ground" trail development work completed than ever before. What this means for you is improved access, signage, trail surfacing and new trails to explore! You will notice our signature trailhead kiosks marking the entrance to many trails around the county – Head Lake Trail, Haliburton County Rail Trail, IB&O Rail Trail, the Dorset Tower Trail and the Circuit of the Five View Points. All of these trails plus Beetle Lake and Harrison Woods have been upgraded for your enjoyment. The Forest Heritage Trail and the Crests of Kennisis are two new trails that were flagged this year and we're working with the Ministry of Natural Resources to plan for their development in 2005. And in case you're wondering what those black metal objects sticking out of the ground beside the kiosk signs are, they're donation boxes. Feel free to drop in a few coins and support on-going trail development on your favourite trail.

Another way to support trail development is through our Adopt-a-Metre program. There are four great trails, one in each township, for you to get involved with and 80 cents of every dollar goes toward trail maintenance and construction. Your contribution is recognized with a personalized certificate and you will receive a free membership with Trails and Tours with a purchase of two metres or more. Metres are currently waiting to be adopted on the following trails: Head Lake, Haliburton County Rail Trail, IB&O Rail Trail and the Forest Heritage Trail. A great gift idea for the person who has everything – contact our office to find out more.

Congratulations to the Haliburton ATV Association for a successful season of shared use on the Haliburton County Rail Trail. HATVA met all conditions outlined in its contract for use with the county and is to be commended for their efforts in posting appropriate signage, spreading calcium to control dust and wardening the corridor to educate all users regarding the by-law for use of the Rail Trail. We look forward to another year of successful partnership beginning June 1st, 2005. The first ATV trail map has been a popular item with over 2,500 copies sold. Maps are $5 and can be purchased at the Trails and Tours office, at the Chamber of Commerce and at a number of businesses around the county – look for the sign in the window. This map is a great first step in creating an ATV tourism product for Haliburton County and may be the perfect stocking stuffer for someone you know.

There are trails for every season, so don't let the cold weather keep you inside! Haliburton County has some of the best snowmobile, cross-country ski and snowshoe trails to explore during the winter months. Sign up for one of our upcoming Winter Workshops and enjoy a day of learning and fun, lunch included – a great gift for the outdoor enthusiast in your family. Check our website for details, www.trailsandtours.com.

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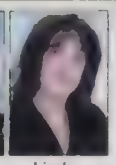
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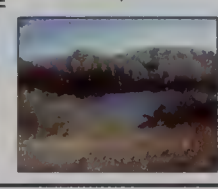

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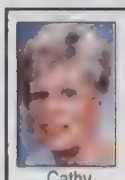
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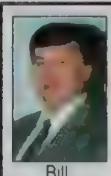
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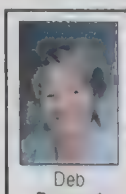
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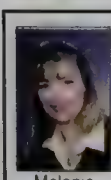
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AROUNDTHETOWN

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Maybe it was a benefit that Whitby's rainy weather kept numbers lower than usual at Emma Fleury's school bazaar in November. As a result there were fewer sales of her grandmother's wool toques than in the past two years. For extra warmth this batch was knitted with double strands of chunky yarn. At first the unworn weighty caps look great but, once placed on the head, soon stretch down over the forehead blocking the vision of unfortunate wearers. This is far from ideal in many situations including city traffic.

Today's chill meant added special pony rations. Yellow pail in hand and unsold toque on head I started out only to soon be in the dark much to the annoyance of the waiting hungry quintet and a puzzled FedEx driver trying to navigate the dooryard snow drifts.

The Legion would like to thank everyone for contributing towards this year's Children's Christmas Party and Visit with Santa, especially Branch 441 Ladies Auxiliary who provided the luncheon and treat bags, and to Kinmount District Lions and Kinmount Seniors who generously donated towards this event. We would also like to thank everyone who contributed to the Children's Christmas Jar. There was a great turnout.

Also the Legion is holding a New Year's Eve Dance on December 31 at 9 p.m. with D.J. Cameron. Advance tickets are available at $25 couple/$15 single.

Everyone is welcome to come out for the Christmas Carols at the Kinmount United Church on Sunday, December 19 at 2 p.m. and then, following the carols, to the potluck over at the Kinmount Community Centre. Sing your favourite carols and bring along your favourite dish.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well.

December 8 bid euchre at Stanhope: A shower of moonshots rained down on Mary Pearson, Lottie Ruttan, Sharon Evans, Alf Whyman, Chris Clarke, Kevin Maloney, George Bye, Margaret Fletcher, Pat Scadden and Leroy Mowat with Jean Dutka taking two. Barb Robitaille led the pinks at 299 with Ruth Kellett 269 second and Marj Hamilton tied with our reporter Gala Stamp for third at 260. Topping the charts for the white cards was Jim Irwin 283 then George Bye 282 and Tom Pearson 278. Everyone enjoyed a really nice Christmas party with a delicious meal, really nice goodies at break and numerous draws with lots of winners. Thanks very much to Sharon and Rob Evans. Everybody will certainly enjoy their gift jar of Sharon's homemade jam.

December 8 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion: For the ladies Emily Harvie was high and Roger Fournier low with Bill St. Thomas recording the men's high and Truman McNeil the low. Winning was a family affair for the St. Thomas's as Bill also won for most lone hands and Mildred took the special prize.

December 8 duplicate bridge at Parklane: Playing the Howell system the top three pairs were Muriel McIntosh and Ross Fletcher 64%, Stella McMillan and Ross Davies 61% and Ev Vanderland partnered with Rita Lockhart 53%.

December 9 euchre at the Minden Legion: Lone hand honours went to Verna McDonald and Arnold Johnson while Laura Carnegie and Lorne Dinesen took the high scores and Iris Taylor and Linda Hopkins the lows. Other prizes were won by Pearl Cowen, Verna McDonald, Margaret Fletcher, Lorne Dinesen and Helen Luffman. Wishes for a Merry Christmas along with thanks for the support over the year go out to all from May Bradbury.

December 10 euchre at Staanworth Court: Iris Taylor won for high hands, Helen Skelding for lone hands, Nick Boekestyn for low hands and Martha Harding for the special prize. Good wishes for the holiday season go out to all season along with thanks for supporting this new euchre event over the past months.

December 10 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills: Using the Howell system Margo Davidson and Stella McMillan were first at 63% followed by Reet Murray and Bill Sandford 60% and Ev Morgan partnered with Grace Boice 54%.

December 11 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace: In first was Jean Scadden 307 with Ruth Kellett 293 second, Verna McDonald 281 third and Don Burch 273 fourth. The moonshots went to Jean Scadden along with Marcel Roussel and Edith Burch who both also won a draw along with Pat Bailey and June Branning.

December 13 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion: In top spot was Marjorie Paradis with Rose Isaacson second. Single moonshots went to Marjorie Paradis and Sam Goudet while Bill St. Thomas took two and Thelma Francis won the draw.

December 13 euchre at Staanworth Terrace: Perry Peacock was double lucky winning both for high hands and the special prize. Gala Stamp held the most lone hands and our reporter Elaine Yeo took the low honours. Happy birthday wishes go out to Helen Skelding and get well thoughts to Georgina Deeks' husband Ed.

December 13 euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: For most lone hands it was Alf Whyman while Tom Pearson won the baloney. High scores were recorded by Marnie Butler and Stan Dutka with Marian Farr and Wally Harpur tallying the lows. Special prizes went to Peter and Marian Farr, Linda Voyce and Wally Harpur. Thanks to Garth Windsor for this update.

December 13 cribbage at the Minden Legion: Jean Scadden reports that the top three players were Lorna Hicks first, Pat Roussel second and Helen Luffman third. Draw prizes went to Edith Burch along with Lois and Syd Adamson.

December 13 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club: In the lone hands column it was Jeanne Keliele with Lorna Hicks and Betty Sharpe recording the highs. Fern Donnelly tallied up the afternoon's low, Bill Mosley and Pearl Cowen won the special prizes and the skunk paid a visit to Katie Parker.

December 14 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Ida Young was tops with Sharon Evans next and Kay Naylor third. Moonshots went to Isobel Cherwenka and Sharon Evans with the draws to Margaret Fletcher, Helen Luffman, Kevin Maloney and Jean Scadden.

December 14 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Social Club Mixed Shuffleboard: From the previous week [December 7th] Cliff Davison and Helen Skelding were first at 295 followed by Laura Carnegie teamed with Colleen Davison 294 and Al Briscoe and Ellen Holden 251. The afternoon's low of 209 went to Andy Boivin and Moe Briscoe. This week's winners were Jim Meadows and Laura Carnegie at 442 then Syd Lockhart and Marj Hamilton 418 and Joan Meadows teamed with Belle Walker 343. Betty Lockhart and Shirley Alderton's 201 was low. Birthday wishes went to Helen Skelding from her many Club friends.

December 14 contract bridge at Stanhope : Two Small Slams were played by Theresa Carroll and Pearl Foster and Ray Moore partnered with Doug McIntosh. Leading the scoring was Jean Jackson at 6200 then Betty Dicker 6140, Theresa Carroll 6120 and Mary McNeice 5990 while Ev Morgan and Diane Boll took the lucky draws. Stella McMillan won the Shiny Penny and Jean Jackson the J.J.G.K. Award for being Jolly Jean Giant Killer.

December 14 euche at Gelert: For the ladies Isabelle Saunders was high and Reta Crofts low while George Bartley led the gents and Rick McElwain recorded the low. Don Curry won for lone hands and Bob Vick took the draw. The next euchre is Tuesday, January 11.

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Thanks to all who contributed to Dorset's annual Toy and Food Drive for the Salvation Army. The food drive was carried out by the Dorset Volunteer Fire Department and the Dorset Lions Club on December 1. Our little community collected 2,500 lbs. and more. There is still a buggy at Robinson's General Store so the amount collected will increase. The 2,500 lbs. is up by 300 lbs. over last year! Thanks friends and neighbours.

A group of volunteers got together on November 23 in Dorset to make holiday decorations for the village. The decorations can be seen throughout the village and look wonderful. Thank to Lawrence and Thelma McGuire, Grace and Suzanne Greenaway, Zachary Lock, Ryley H., Janet Schreibler-Armstrong, Pat Smith, Patt Rosewarne, Jan McDonald and especially to the organizer, Kerry Lock. Great job.

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol Sing on Sunday, November 28 was well attended and a great time was had by all. Thank you to Mary Fitz Gibbon, who was the official 2004 Community Christmas Tree Lighter. Mary started coming to Dorset as a child of 8 and has lived here permanently for many years. Mary will be 90 on January 5.

Knox United Church is continuing Sunday Services at 11:30 a.m. Christmas Eve Service on December 24 will be at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Reverend Paul Dempsey of Bracebridge has agreed to be pulpit supply starting in January 2005.

The next Family Movie Night at the Dorset Recreation Centre takes place on Friday, December 17 at 7pm. Donations are gratefully accepted to support this program. Free popcorn. Chips, pop and treats will be available for purchase.

Here is an advance notice for the 8th Annual Dinner and Music Night to be held at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Saturday, January 8 beginning at 6 p.m. Dinner is provided by the Dorset Lifeliners and music provided by local talent. If you would like to participate in the musical portion of the evening, please give Joe Alfano a call at 705-766-0076.

Birthday wishes for December 12 to 18 go out to Cameron Nash, Thomas Keown, Jessica Reilly, Marian Frieday, Jeannine Dunn and Barb Jordan and Happy Anniversary to Bill and June Johnson. Have a great day!

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'Party Smart' hosts can reduce their liability

Hosting a party over the holidays? Then make sure being a responsible host is an essential part of your plan.

The Haliburton, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is warning local residents of the legal pitfalls they could face if a party they host goes awry. Increasingly, the legal trend in Canada is to sue party hosts in cases where intoxicate guests injure themselves or others.

"Remember, you are liable for everyone at your party until they are sober," says Angela Andrews, a Health Promoter with the Health Unit. "So if you host a social function over the holidays, it's in your best interest to be party smart."

Being party smart doesn't mean being a party pooper, she notes. A party can be safe and fun at the same time.

If alcohol is served at a party, Andrews urges hosts to set an example and limit how much they drink. Be aware of how much guests have consumed and their plans for getting home. If guests have had too much to drink, be prepared to have them stay overnight.

Other party smart tips include serving healthy snacks that can slow down the absorption of alcohol and having non-alcoholic drinks available to guests. "Mocktails" are non-alcoholic alternatives to party drinks that are very popular and easy to make for parties, Andrews notes.

According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving, a study involved 14 trauma centres in Ontario found that 29 per cent of major injury hospitalizations in 2000/2001 were alcohol-related. Because alcohol is a major cause of injury, Andrews recommends that alcohol not be a free-for-all at parties. Try to control what people drink by being in charge of serving guests alcohol. A few hours before the party is over, stop serving alcohol.

"Protect yourself and your guests by celebrating in the right spirit of the season," Andrews says. "Everyone will be better off as a result."

Top 10 Tips to Party Smart

Don't drink too much yourself. You are a role model and are responsible for your guests.

Serve snacks to your guests because eating helps to slow down the absorption of alcohol.

Stop serving alcohol a few hours before the party is over.

Do not provide a self-serve bar to guests. Serve drinks to them yourself.

Have alcohol-free drinks available too. Call the Health Unit at 457-1391for tips on making "mocktails" popular non-alcoholic alternatives to party drinks.

Find out how your guests are going home.

Have a plan for guests who can't drive home.

Be prepared for overnight guests.

Don't make alcohol the focus of your party. Plan a fun activity.

Don't serve alcohol if the party involves physical activities.

Toys for Minden kids

The 12th annual Minden LCBO Toy Drive is supported by many local organizations and induviduals.Linda Hopkins, who organizes the drive each year, said the toys and money raised here stay in Minden. One group that supports the drive is the Minden Kinsmen Club. Gord Barter, centre, presented $250 to Linda Hopkins, with Kinsmen Club members Andy Hughes, Jim Carrell and Karen Barter assisting. "Groups like the Kinsmen, the Firefighters and individuals make it work," Hopkins said.

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•• **December 21:** The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group will not be meeting tonight. We wish all a merry Xmas and a happy holiday season. Our next meeting is Jan. 18/05 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge - Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home. For info. please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286–6699.

• **January 4, 2005:** The Hazelbrae Barnardo Home Memorial Group will meet Jan. 04, 2005, 1:30 p.m. at Northminister United Church. Our guest speaker Mr. Allan Youngman will speak on "My Search for My Great Uncles' Grave. Everyone is welcome. For more info. Phone Ivy at 742–7523.

• **December:** Christmas Office Hours - Alzheimer Society of Peterborough & Area. The office would be close at noon on Friday, December 24 and remain closed on Monday, Dec. 27 and Tuesday, Dec. 28 and re-open regular hours on Dec. 29 & 30 and close at noon on Dec. 31 and be closed January 3, 2005. The office would re-open for regular hours on Tuesday, January 4, 2005. The 2 satellite offiess in Haliburton and Northumberland will notify people on their voicemail of other times they will be closed in between Christmas and New Years, but the 800 number will be available for people to call Peterborough for assistance.

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440 THANK YOU

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO Jim Burke and Family. Thanks for the ride! **Kelly Garbutt and Family.**

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MY HEARTFELT THANKS goes out to everyone that's been with me during my major illness, with flowers, cards, gifts, food, phone calls, visits, kind deeds, words of kindness. Special thanks to Nurses, Doctors & PSW. God Bless You All and Seasons Greetings To All. **Edie O, Edith C McKnight & Donna Lee McKnight.**

Thank You

The family of the late Melvin (Mel) Smith would like to express our sincere thanks & appreciation to all our relatives, friends & neighbours for the lovely floral tributes, donations, cards & gifts of food following the death of a dear & kind husband, father, grandfather & great grandfather.
Special thanks to Hyland Crest, Dr. Campioni, Dr. Heyes & Doctors at Minden Hospital and nurses for all there loving & kind care over the last years.
Thanks to Monk Funeral Home in Minden for all there loving kindness shown to us.
Thanks to Don McPhaden for his encouraging talk based on our Hope of a Resurrection. Special thanks to Hyland Crest for offering us the Fireside lounge for our lunch, the friends from Kingdom Hall who served it, for all the loving encouragement & for just being there.
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Never to part again.
With a deep love and sadly missed, Mom and Families.

460 OBITUARIES

FLORENCE ELIZABETH "Betty" DIONNE
Passed away peacefully at St. Mary's Hospital, Kitchener on Tuesday, December 14, 2004.
Beloved wife of Nelson Dionne of Kitchener (formerly of Minden). Predeceased by her son Donald. Dear sister of Mabel Brannigan, Audrey Swartzman, Ruth Bain, Reginald Sawyer, Jim Sawyer, David Sawyer. Fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, family and friends. In accordance to Betty's wishes, there will be no visitation or Funeral. Cremation has taken place. Interment will take place at the Maple Lake United Church Cemetery in the spring. Memorial Donations to the Lung Association would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., Minden.

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PITTS, EARL CEPHAS: Entered into rest at Caressant Care Nursing Home in Lindsay on Friday, December 10, 2004. Earl, in his 90th year, was the beloved husband of Phyllis (nee Thurston) Pitts and the late Lenora (nee Kennedy, 1987). Loving father of Lynda Burley (George) of Minden and Gary (Anne) of Gilford. Grandfather of Andrew, Juliet & Kyle. Dear brother of Frank, Carlton and Loretta and predeceased by brothers of Stan and Alvin. Visitation was at the Mackey Funeral Home, 33 Peel Street, Lindsay on Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the chapel on Monday, December 13th at 1:30 p.m. Interment at Dunsford Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Gideons or Fairview Baptist Church would be appreciated by the family.

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460 OBITUARIES

REV. WENDELL SEDGWICK
On Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004, at the family farm near Gelert.
He was 73.
Between 1964 and 1997, Wendell served as Minister of the Queensborough-Eldorado, Seymour Township and Hope Township pastorial charges of the United Church of Canada.
He was the husband of Lorna (Keay), the father of Katherine, Melanie, John and Kenneth Sedgwick, and the grandfather of Nathan, Daniel, Emmet and Timothy Wisnicki, Sam and Tom Sedgwick, and Julia and Claire Sedgwick. Brother of Marion Sedgwick and Genevieve Payne. Predeceased by brother Rowland Sedgwick. The funeral service was held Thursday, Dec., 16, at Minden United Church. If friends would like to make an in-memoriam donation, the family would be grateful for donations to the Beads of Hope Campaign (a United Church of Canada project in the battle against HIV/AIDS). Operation Eyesight Universal, or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. Donations may be sent in care of the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ont., K0M 2K0 telephone (705) 286–2181.

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JOHN CHARLES "CHARLIE" ROBERTS
Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on December 16, 2004.
In his 86th year.
Beloved husband of the late Mary Elizabeth Roberts (nee West). Loving father of Bev and her husband the late Ed Elias, Sandy and her husband Randy Cole, all of Minden. Loving grandfather of Kim (Gord), Trini (Crisha), Trevor, Ryan and great grandfather of Blake and Jaydon. Survived by his brother Albert and predeceased by sister Jean Spence and by brother Maurice "Duck". Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Monday, December 20, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. Spring Interment Minden Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Hyland Crest Residents Council would be appreciated by the family.

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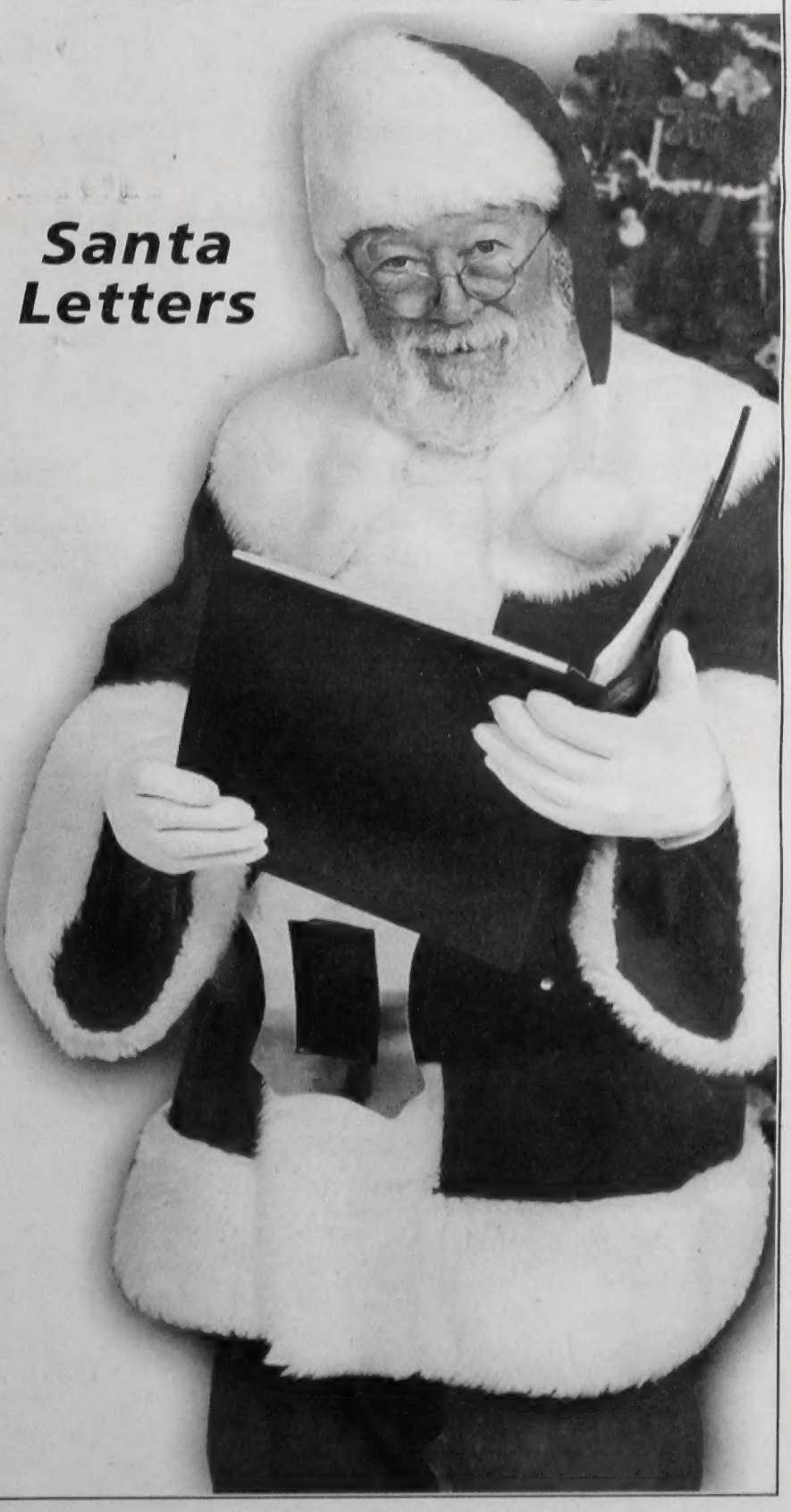

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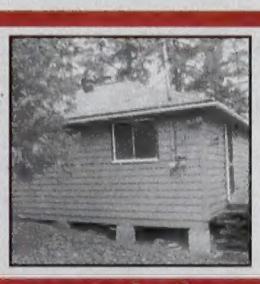

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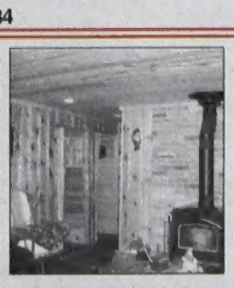

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